HOUSE BILL 993

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 41, relative to child support obligations of inmates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-901(a), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

() For the purposes of this part, "personal property" includes a commissary account or any other account or fund established by or for the benefit of the inmate in a jail or correctional institution while the inmate is incarcerated.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-905, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

() No more than fifty percent (50%) of the total amount in a commissary account or any other account or fund established by or for the benefit of an inmate in a jail or correctional institution while the inmate is incarcerated shall be subject to seizure by the department.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.